IN THE CLAIMS:

1   1.   (Currently amended) A method for managing resources in a computer network,

2   comprising:

3   defining the contents of a configuration file for each network user;

4   receiving a login identification from a user on a given computer that uses a given

5   operating system, wherein said given operating system requires that attachment of

6   resources to said given computer be performed on said given computer;

7   matching the user identity with the said user configuration file; and

8   in response to said matching step, executing a resource attachment program on

9   said given computer to attach attaching network resources to a client said given computer

10   based on the user identity and the contents of the said user configuration file.

1   2.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the contents of the

2   configuration file are defined by a network administrator.

1   3.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the configuration file is

2   stored on a network server.

1   4.   .   (Cancelled)

1   5.   (Currently amended) The method according to claim 4, wherein the claim 1,

2   wherein said resource attachment program is stored on the client computer.

1   6.   (Currently amended) The method according to claim 4, wherein the claim 1,

2   wherein said resource attachment program is stored on a network server.

1   7.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of attaching

2   resources to a client further comprises creating a record of all successfully attached

3   resources.

1   8.   (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein the record is stored on the

2   client.

1   9.   (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein the record is stored on a

2   network server.

1   10.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

2   receiving a log out command from the user; and

3   unattaching the attached resources.

1   11.   (Original) The method according to claim 7, further comprising:

2   receiving a log out command from the user; and

3   deleting the record of attached resources.

1   12.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the client computer uses the

2   UNIX operating system.

1   13.   (Cancelled)

2   14.   (Cancelled)

1   15.   (Currently amended) The computer program product according to claim [[14]] 18,

2   wherein the contents of the configuration file are defined by a network administrator.

1   16.   (Cancelled)

1   17.   (Cancelled)

1   18.   (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable

2   medium for use in a data processing system for managing resources in a computer

3   network, the computer program product comprising:

4   instructions for defining contents of a respective configuration file for each

5   network user;

6   instructions for receiving a login identification from a user on a client computer;

7   instructions for matching the user identity with said respective user configuration

8   file;

9   instructions for reading the contents of [[a]] said respective user configuration

10   file; and

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11 instructions for attaching network resources to [[a]] said client computer based on

12 the user identity and the contents of [[the]] said respective user configuration file;

13 wherein said computer program product is configured to run under an operating

14 system that requires that resources be attached to a computer by a program running on

15 said computer.

1 19. (Original) The computer program product according to claim 18, wherein the

2 program is stored on a client computer.

1 20. (Original) The computer program product according to claim 18, wherein the

2 program is stored on a network server.

1 21. (Original) The computer program product according to claim 18, further

2 comprising instructions for creating a record of all successfully attached resources.

1 22. (Original) The computer program product according to claim 21, wherein the

2 record is stored on a client computer.

1 23. (Original) The computer program product according to claim 21, wherein the

2 record is stored on a network server.

1 24. (Original) The computer program product according to claim 18, further

2 comprising:

3 instructions for receiving a log out command from the user; and

4 instructions for unattaching the attached resources.

1 25. (Original) The computer program product according to claim 21, further

2 comprising:

3 instructions for receiving a log out command from the user; and

4 instructions for deleting the record of attached resources.

1 26. (Original) The computer program product according to claim 18, wherein the

2 program runs on a UNIX operating system.

1   27.   (Currently amended) A system for managing resources in a computer network,

2   comprising:

3   means for defining the contents of a configuration file for each network user;

4   means for receiving a login identification from a user;

5   means for matching the user identity with the user configuration file; and

6   means for attaching network resources to a client computer based on the user

7   identity and the contents of the user configuration file, wherein said computer network is

8   configured to run on an operating system that requires that attachment of resources to a

9   given computer be performed on said given computer.

1   28.   (Original) The system according to claim 27, further comprising:

2   means for receiving a log out command from the user; and

3   means for unattaching the attached resources.